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TAGS: EIND, EG

SUBJECT: MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION PROBLEM: PARTING OF  
THE RED TAPE

1. THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPAA)  
CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED  
IN THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW JAMES BOND (007) FILM FINANCED  
BY THE U.S. MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER, UNITED ARTISTS.  
MPAA SAID THAT THE FILM COMPANY WAS BEING SEVERELY HAMPERED  
BY EGYPTIAN BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE IN OBTAINING VISAS,  
PERMITS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ETC. THE DELAYS ENCOUNTERED  
THUS FAR THREATEN TO TURN THE PROJECT INTO A DISASTER  
FILM, FINANCIALLY.

2. MR. FRANK ERNST, THE PRODUCTION MANAGER, WILL CALL ON  
THE EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL SECTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO  
SEEK ADVICE AND GUIDANCE. SPECIFICALLY, HE WILL SEEK  
SUGGESTIONS OF WHOM HE SHOULD SEE IN THE GOE TO RESOLVE  
THE ABOVE PROBLEM. MPAA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY  
MIGHT MENTION TO THE GOE THE DESIRABILITY OF DESIGNATING  
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A SPECIFIC OFFICIAL TO EXPEDITE THE GRANTING OF THE RE-

QUIRED DOCUMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN THE FAME OF 007, NEWS THAT

HE HAD BEEN STOPPED BY THE EGYPTIAN BUREAUCRACY COULD CAUSE HEADLINES WORLD-WIDE AND DISCOURAGE FUTURE MOVIE PRODUCTION IN EGYPT. SUCH PRODUCTION OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR EGYPT. IT WOULD AS WELL BE A FINANCIAL CATASTROPHE FOR UNITED ARTISTS. THE EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MR. ERNST. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS. ROBINSON

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